

**MINUTES OF THE
HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 • 8:00 a.m. • 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Evan J. Vickers, Senate Chair
Rep. Keith Grover, House Chair
Rep. Derrin R. Owens, House Vice Chair
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Deidre M. Henderson
Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Rep. Kim F. Coleman

Rep. Brad M. Daw
Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Kelly B. Miles
Rep. Val K. Potter
Rep. Jon E. Stanard
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley
Rep. Mike Winder

Staff Present:

Mr. Spencer C. Pratt, Fiscal Manager
Mr. Sean C. Faherty, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Lorna Wells, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Call to Order

Senate Chair Vickers called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Vickers asked each committee member to introduce themselves.

3. Opening Remarks - Senator Vickers and Representative Grover

Chair Vickers discussed the importance of Higher Education and some of the key focus points for the committee during this Legislative Session.

Rep. Grover discussed the important work of the committee during this Legislative session.

Rep. Owens discussed the importance of Higher Education and the work of the committee.

4. Approval of Minutes - October 18, 2017

4-Draft October 19, 2017 Minutes for HED

[4-Draft October 19, 2017 Minutes for HED](#)

MOTION: Rep. Winder moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2017 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 14-0-3.

Yeas-14

Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. J. Dabakis
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. K. Grover
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. K. Miles

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. D. Henderson
Rep. J. Stanard
Rep. M. Wheatley

Sen. A. Millner
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. V. Potter
Sen. H. Stephenson
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. M. Winder

5. Appoint Proposal Review Committee for Strategic Workforce Investments

Chair Vickers explained the membership of the committee to review the Strategic Workforce Investments proposals.

6. Introduction of Compendium of Budget Information (COBI) and Senate Bill 1, Higher Education Base Budget

Mr. Sean Faherty, Fiscal Analyst, explained COBI and the Base Budget Bill.

5-Linked Higher Education Base Budget Bill (SB0001)
[5-Linked Higher Education Base Budget Bill \(SB0001\)](#)

7. Issue Brief - Base Budget Reallocations

Mr. Spencer Pratt, Fiscal Manager discussed the Higher Education Base Budget Reallocations Issue Brief.

6-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - Higher Education Base Budget Week - Budget Adjustment Options
[6-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - Higher Education Base Budget Week - Budget Adjustment Options](#)

Mr. Pratt discussed the Tuition Waiver Issue Brief

7-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - Tuition Waivers
[7-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - Tuition Waivers](#)

Mr. Pratt discussed the New Century Scholarships.

Mr. Pratt discussed USHE Workforce needs

Rep. Coleman asked for clarification regarding tuition waivers. Mr. Pratt answered this question. Rep. Coleman expressed her concern regarding the skyrocketing costs of higher education.

Sen. Stephenson discussed some nationwide concerns regarding Higher Education.

Rep. Kwan discussed the differing missions of the institutions and workforce needs.

Rep. Potter asked about Legacy Scholarships. Chair Vickers and Mr. Pratt answered this question.

Sen. Stevenson discussed the Executive Appropriations Committees instructions for budget cuts.

Rep. Daw asked for clarification regarding the Regents' Scholarship and New Century Scholarship. Mr. Pratt answered this question.

Sen. Dabakis expressed his concern about the budget cut process.

Rep. Stanard discussed the issue regarding the rising costs of higher education.

Rep. Coleman commented on the uniqueness of the higher education with regard to how budget adjustments are made.

Mr. Faherty discussed the Budget Reallocations for the Utah System of Technical Colleges

8. Introduction of Other Issue Briefs

Mr. Pratt discussed the USHE O & M New Facilities Issue Brief.

7-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - USHE Operations and Maintenance New Facilities

[7-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - USHE Operations and Maintenance New Facilities](#)

Mr. Pratt discussed the USHE Vehicle Expansion Issue Brief.

7-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - USHE Vehicle Expansion Request

[7-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - USHE Vehicle Expansion Request](#)

Mr. Pratt discussed the University of Utah Cancer Clinical Research Hospital Funding.

7-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - University of Utah - Cancer Clinical Research Hospital Funding

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Mr. Pratt discussed the Utah State University Regional Campuses Issue Brief.

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7-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - Utah State University Regional Campuses

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Mr. Pratt discussed the USHE Reallocations - Performance Funding Issue Brief

7-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - USHE Reallocations - Performance Funding

[7-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - USHE Reallocations - Performance Funding](#)

Mr. Pratt discussed the USHE Reallocations - Engineering Initiative Issue Brief.

7-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - USHE Reallocations - Engineering Initiative

[7-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - USHE Reallocations - Engineering Initiative](#)

Mr. Pratt discussed the Utah State University Reallocations Issue Brief.

7-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - Utah State University Reallocations

[7-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - Utah State University Reallocations](#)

Mr. Faherty discussed the USTC Operations and Maintenance State-Funded Facilities

7-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - USTC Operations and Maintenance State-Funded Facilities

[7-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - USTC Operations and Maintenance State-Funded Facilities](#)

Sen. Stephenson discussed some possible unintended consequences of the budget reallocations.

9. USHE Overview - Commissioner Buhler

Dr. David Buhler, Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) Commissioner, gave an overview of Higher Education in Utah with the assistance of Dr. Kimberly Henrie, Associate Commissioner.

Rep. Coleman asked some clarifying questions. Comm. Henrie answered these questions.

Rep. Kwan asked how tuition ranking compared with academic ranking and about revenue. Comm. Buhler answered these questions.

Rep. Owens asked about the high workforce demand programs. Comm. Buhler answered this question.

Sen. Millner discussed some of the other states' philosophies regarding tuition.

Chair Vickers asked Comm. Henrie to report on the constraints in the USHE system.

10. Implementation of, and Compliance with, Provisions of Senate Bill 238 (2017 General Session)

Comm. Buhler reported on compliance with S.B. 238 from the 2017 Legislative Session regarding USHE governance.

Regent Patricia Jones discussed the mental health initiative part of the 2016 Strategic Plan

Comm. Buhler discussed statewide college access and college preparedness initiatives.

11. UCAT Overview - Commissioner Woolstenhulme

Dr. David Woolstenhulme, Commissioner, Utah System of Technical Colleges gave a system overview.

Mr. Jim Evans, Chair, Board of Trustees discussed the mission of USTC and the 2016-2017 governance changes.

Comm. Woolstenhulme discussed recent changes made at USTC to improve accountability.

12. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Grover moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12-0-5.

Yeas-12

Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. J. Dabakis
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. K. Grover
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. V. Potter
Rep. J. Stanard
Sen. H. Stephenson
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. M. Winder

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. D. Owens
Sen. J. Stevenson
Rep. M. Wheatley

Chair Vickers adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.